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PEASANT UPRISING IN RUMANIA

- I. Russian troops are reported to have been used to suppress an uprising sparked by the regime's stepped-up drive to achieve 100% collectivization in eastern Rumania.

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A.

[redacted] all the inhabitants in one village were killed or hospitalized by Soviet troops. Casualties in another, ~~unnamed~~, nearby village were not as severe.

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II.

[redacted] renewed regime pressures for collectivization were meeting strong resistance, requiring armed intervention, in areas of eastern Rumania.

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- A. Western observers have been denied permission to visit these areas during the past ten days--the first such refusal since last November, when a polio epidemic swept Rumania.

III. There is no evidence that this peasant unrest has spread to other rural areas.

- A. The apparent need to use Russian troops to suppress the peasants suggests that the uprising was severe and that Rumanian security forces were unwilling or unable to deal with it.

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